Cruising Main by Lou Jackson



The rich kid up the street always sent away for a big box of fireworks. The comic books always advertised them months ahead of July. Coupons were all filled out with the properly worded requests, i.e., "Please rush me your big, beautiful and colorful selection of the best fireworks available. Included will be 24 T.N.T. bomb, 36 cherry bombs, 6 packages of bang-o-crackers, 5 Roman candles, 6 smoking volcanoes, 12 red-rockets, 3 screamers, 20 red flares, 2 packages glo-sparklers, 4 strings of Lady Fingers, etc." and the seemingly endless list would go on and on. There were several selection to ponder, but Norman, my rich friend, always got the biggest and

Perhaps the nicest thing about Norman was that he was also generous. He had no brothers or sisters and never had to share and never learned to be selfish. He really wasn't rich either. Perhaps his only indulgences were comic books and, consequently, fireworks. Our mothers espoused the free public library and watching. The whole neighborhood watched.

The box always arrived weeks before the national explosion day, and no one waited. By the Fourth, only the sparklers and Lady Fingers remained and they were belittled as dress and refuse.

What hadn't been available to blow up, well devised. Flower gardens became Flanders Field. Phlox all went half masted. Toys lost their shapes and values or disappeared. Tin cans all went in orbit. Craters filled empty lots. The Light Brigade lost again as lead soldiers fought stiffly against olympian odds.

Short fuses scared us, and, at times, fingers tingled and ears rang when we couldn't get away fast enough. Our little wars lasted until all was gone. Then there was peace until next year.

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As we got older, the loud noises became less popular. The smell of smoke, a couple of coughs, and the Fourth was celebrated.

When our own children raced for the streets and the thrill of the celebration, we worried about burns and fires and carelessness. And when the rosie glows of volcanoes disappeared and kids were tucked in their beds after the last sparkler had been flung, we could hear the illegal crackers pop and bang in the night.

With it all - earth, air, water, and fire, there is nothing like fire. It is our best friend and our worst enemy. Out of it our nation was born, and with it we remain. And the celebration of our birth remains visible in the rockets red glare. I don't light the fuses as I used to - I just fondle my library card and watch.

For the younger citizen the fascination will still attract. Perhaps the rich kid up the street will help us all celebrate the season. There is a place to buy fireworks in Heber. You don't have to send away for your fun.

Cecil Holloway, his wife Darlene and Wayne and Jenny Kaye Wiles, Lloyd and Bonnie McGuire, and Steve and Kristin Bonser (their daughters and sons-in-law) have all gotten together to bring safe and sane Red Devil Fireworks to the area.

Last Saturday, the construction of the stand took about 7 hours of labor. That same night a vandal in a pickup truck just about leveled it. Another four hours righted it

again and Monday business started.

This is not a new business for

Mr. Holloway. For past years he has run a booth for his home ward in Southern California. The chur

scout troops and civic organiza-tions run them now. His previous contract asked if he run one here. After conferring with the city got out of the Christmas tree and fireworks lines, even though council and securing a license, he began his venture.

job brings his family together for a project that requires time and the reason for the project terminates and they will all go three and a half years ago. This He has been living in this area for many years and has been a arts area at the high school. He retired from teaching in California effort. After the fifth of the month, substitute teacher in the industrial

visited the stand to make sure that safety laws are being followed to are sold, and all due precaution and care should be used by those property. The stand is located on Main Street between Anderson's Hardware and Mountain Vista Realty. Only class "C" fireworks insure protection of life and back to their regular schedules. The fire chief, Bob Morris,

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